



Signed and Filed: May 17, 2021

*Dennis Montali*

DENNIS MONTALI  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re: ) Bankruptcy Case  
PG&E CORPORATION, ) No. 19-30088-DM  
- and - ) Chapter 11  
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY, ) Jointly Administered  
Reorganized Debtors. )  
☐ Affects PG&E Corporation )  
☐ Affects Pacific Gas and )  
Electric Company )  
☒ Affects both Debtors )  
\* All papers shall be filed in )  
the Lead Case, No. 19-30088 (DM). )

**ORDER REGARDING QUESTIONS BY THERESA ANN MCDONALD**

On April 29, 2021, counsel for Justice John Trotter (Ret.),  
Trustee, filed a *Notice of Filing of Annual Report of Fire  
Victim Trust and Claims Report of Fire Victim Trust Pursuant to  
Fire Victim Trust Agreement* (Dkt. No. 10601). Since then,  
Ms. Theresa Ann McDonald and the Trustee have filed the  
following documents:

- *Emergency Pleading: Request for Explanation of More Than \$12.7 Million Discrepancy in the Cash Due to the Fire Victim Trust From PG&E and the Cash Received From PG&E as Reported in the Annual Reports Financial Statements and Notes (Dkt. No. 10607).*
- *Response of Fire Victim Trustee to Emergency Pleading of Theresa McDonald Seeking Explanation of Fire Victim Trust Annual Report (Dkt. No. 10619).*
- *Reply (signed version) of Theresa McDonald (Dkt. No. 10648).*

For the most part, Ms. McDonald is taking issue with some of the Trustee's accounting and the Trustee has responded, but apparently not to Ms. McDonald's satisfaction.

While the court appreciates Ms. McDonald's taking the initiative to bring up issues to the court's attention and the Trustee's effort in responding to Ms. McDonald in a prompt manner, a back and forth debate on the docket is neither efficient nor productive.

A preferable option is for an accountant or financial person, not one of the Trustee's attorneys, to set up an informal meet and confer session by telephonic or video conference with Ms. McDonald to discuss her concerns and attempt to provide a satisfactory explanation to her. If she is not satisfied with such an explanation, or believes that something is amiss and merits court intervention, she may have her day in court and be heard. But if that occurs, she must follow the national and local rules governing the procedures for obtaining relief by

1 filing a proper motion, on proper notice.<sup>1</sup> She may also refer to  
2 the *Second Amended Order Implementing Certain Notice and Case*  
3 *Management Procedures* (Dkt. No. 1996).

4 Ms. McDonald also added at the end of her last filing:

5 "Finally, I need to repeat my request that the  
6 court reconsider its decision to deny Trust  
7 Beneficiaries access to the Trust's financial  
8 records. We should have the ability to require a  
9 full accounting from the Trustee, without having  
10 to spend the court's valuable time serving as a  
mediator. The Trust was established for our  
benefit. We should be able to see how it is being  
managed."

11 This is not a proper request for reconsideration, and the  
12 court will not act on it. This, too, requires a properly  
13 noticed motion for reconsideration, with citation to appropriate  
14 authorities and specifically to any applicable provisions of the  
15 Fire Victim Trust or other document that would entitle her to  
16 such relief.

17 **\*\*END OF ORDER\*\***

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28 <sup>1</sup> See, <https://www.canb.uscourts.gov/procedures/local-rules>.

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